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Egmont Reports PERTINENT INFORMATION Memorandum			DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCES METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2001 2006 2 June 1955	
<p>Information received recently on the so-called EGMONT reports reveals that these reports had as their sources high political and diplomatic circles in Europe. The EGMONT reports were written over the period from September 1944 to March 1945 by the German publicist and editor GISELHER WIRSING (cover name EGMONT) at the suggestion of <u>Walter SCHELLENBERG</u>, chief of German Foreign Intelligence, and on the basis of material which <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> put at WIRSING's disposal. The stated purpose of these reports which were meant only for the high powers in the realm, e.g. HIMMLER and HITLER, was to convince HITLER of Germany's lack of hope for salvation under his continuing leadership, and by this to induce him to withdraw from the political scene of his own accord. RIBBENTROP and GOEBBELS were carefully bypassed in the monthly distribution of the reports.</p> <p>The most important sources of information used for the EGMONT reports were reached through personal connections of <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> himself, both in Germany and abroad, e.g. Swiss Federal Councillor MUSSI (MUSY); members of the Japanese Embassy in Berlin, particularly its Naval Attache Admiral KOSHIMA; and the Swiss and Swedish ambassadors. <u>SCHELLENBERG</u> had a line into France connecting with an important personality close to BIDAULT. He frequently received reports from a Spanish source, either a diplomat or an industrialist who appeared well versed in Vatican affairs.</p>				
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